METHOD FOR CONDITIONALLY

UPDATING OR INSERTING A ROW INTO A TABLE

Abstract

The present invention provides the ability to alternatively update or insert a row into
5   a table. This functionality is accomplished by merging a source table with a destination table
such that the rows in the combined table are classified as an update row or an insert row. An
identifier is inserted into each row to indicate its class. Examination of the identifier allows
the row to be correctly inserted into the destination table or correctly updated in the
destination table.